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SUBJ: IDEOLOGICAL TIGHTENING UP IN EAST EUROPE

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1. HUNGARIAN DIPLOMATS HERE HAVE GENERALLY HEWED TO OFFICIAL HUNGARIAN PRESS EXPLANATIONS OF GOVERNMENTAL SHAKEUP. WHILE NO HUNGARIAN EMBOFF DID NOT DENY THAT DECEMBER 1973 MOSCOW IDEOLOGICAL MEETING MAY HAVE HAD SOME INFLUENCE, MOST CAST HUNGARIAN CHANGES IN INTERNAL FRAMEWORK, TAKING LINE THAT A FEW INTELLECTUALS HAD BEEN ABUSING FREEDOMS AND ACTING CENTRIFUGALLY, WHILE IN ECONOMY GROWING AFFLUENCE OF THOSE PRIVILEGED UNDER NEW ECONOMIC POLICIES HAD CREATED SOCIAL TENSIONS THAT NEEDED CORRECTING.

2. WE HAVE SEEN LITTLE EVIDENCE OF ROMANIAN IDEOLOGICAL  
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HARDENING SINCE DECEMBER, AND THERE IS EVERY REASON TO

BELIEVE THAT THE ROMANIAN LEADERSHIP IS STRONGLY RESISTING SOVIET ATTEMPTS TO "COORDINATE". THEE BLOC IDEOLOGICAL SPHERE HAS BEEN FAIRLY TIGHT EVER SINCE 1971, IN RECENT MONTHS, AS HAPPENS FROM TIME TO TIME, LIBERAL-CONSERVATIVE JOCKEYING HAS Oozed INTO THE OPEN THROUGH PARTY AND CULTURAL JOURNALS, AND LIBERAL VOICES HAVE BY NO MEANS BEEN MUTED.

3. WHILE CEAUSESCU OCCASIONALLY ERUPTS WITH ADMONISHMENTS TO PAY MORE ATTENTION TO IDEOLOGY, THINGS GO ON ABOUT AS BEFORE DESPITE RECENT PRESS LAW AND RADIO-TV REORGANIZATION. (ALTHOUGH COUCHED IN RESTRICTIVE TERMS, IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN IF THEIR ACTUAL EFFECT WILL BE SIMPLY RECODIFICATION.) CEAUSESCU, INSO FAR AS HE IS INTERESTED IN IDEOLOGY AT ALL, IS PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH MORAL STIMULANTS TO SPUR ROMANIAN NATIONAL MORALE AND INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS. ALTHOUGH THE "DANGER OF BOURGEOIS IDEOLOGY" IS FLAGGED DESULTORILY, SUCH WARNINGS ARE LARGEY ABSENT FROM DAILY PRESS AND JOURNAL OUTPUT. WHAT REMAINS OF NEWS COVERAGE OF THE WEST AFTER

SEVERE ABRIDGEMENT IS OTHERWISE FAIRLY OBJECTIVE AND NON-POLEMICAL. THERE HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY NO REVELING IN WESTERN DISSENSIONS OR HARSH IDEOLOGICAL ASSAULTS.

4. RUMORED AMALGAMATION OF ENTIRE ROMANIAN CULTURAL-IDEOLOGICAL DOMAIN IN A SUPER-MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE TO SUPERCEDE PRESENT COUNCIL ON SOCIALIST EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND MINISTRY OF EDUCATION--IF IT MATERIALIZES--WOULD BE ANOTHER RESHUFFLE CONNECTED PRIMARILY WITH ON-GOING INTERNAL LEADERSHIP REALIGNMENT, NOT WITH EXTERNAL CONSIDERATIONS.

5. GRADUAL INCREASE IN ATHEIST PROPAGANDA IN MEDIA OVER PAST YEAR OR TWO MAY BE TO COUNTER MORE ACTIVIST MOOD IN PROTESTANT SECTS.

6. AFTER CEAUSESCU'S CONSOLIDATION OF GREATER PERSONAL POWER AT MARCH PLENUM, HE SEEMS EVEN BETTER POSITIONED TO TELL SOVIETS THAT ROMANIA WILL HANDLE DETENTE IN OWN

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WAY AND HAS NO NEED FOR ADVICE FROM OUTSIDERS. HE COULD ALSO ADD THAT ROMANIA HAS NO INTERNAL DISSENT PROBLEMS SUCH AS OTHER FRATERNAL COUNTRIES HE MIGHT NAME.  
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